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Subject: First quarter update for WY 2023 SAM small streams work

This memo summarizes and documents the continued work by USGS for the SAM small streams project. From October through December 2022.

During this time period, focus was on data management tasks for the summer 2022 sampling and to begin site selection for summer 2023.

All summer 2022 WHM data was submitted to Ecology and those data were QC'd by Ecology with help from USGS. This data is ready for final upload to the Ecology WHM database. Lab data from MEL started to come back and ongoing QC review is taking place. It is not expected that final electronic data delivery from MEL will be complete until Spring of 2023.

Site selection for summer 2023 is ongoing. About ¼ of the sites have been picked and will continue into early 2023.

Work on past due annual reports is a high priority for the beginning of 2023.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions about this quarterly summary or any other project related issues.